

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
PUBLIC SESSION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010  
7:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant (Late Arrival 7:15PM), Councilmember Darrell Hardy (Excused), Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk, Johnny Thompson, Public Works Director

**1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Stephenson

**1.1.4. Approval of Agenda**

It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

**1.1.5. Reading/Approval of Closed Session, Public Session, Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes for the month of October.**

- It was motioned by Councilwoman Stephenson and seconded by Councilman Porter to approve the Regular Work Session minutes for Monday October 4, 2010. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved
- It was motioned by Councilman Raynor and seconded by Councilwoman Stephenson to approve the Closed Session minutes for Monday October 11, 2010. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved

- It was motioned by Councilman Raynor and seconded by Councilman Porter to approve the Public Session minutes for Monday October 11, 2010. The motion carried. The minutes were unanimously approved

## **2. PRESENTATIONS:**

- None

## **3. LEGISLATION**

- Resolution R-11-07 Declaration of Municipal Government Month. Resolution R-11-07 was introduced by Councilman Kelly Porter and the reading was declared on Monday, November 8, 2010. It was motion by Councilman Porter and seconded by Councilman Yeargin to approve Resolution R-11-07. The motion carried. The Resolution was unanimously approved
- FOR: Gatling, Porter, Raynor, Simms, Stephenson and Yeargin
- AGAINST: None
- ABSTAIN: None

## **4. REPORTS**

- **4.1. Mayoral Report,** Mayor Eugene W. Grant reported
- Mayor Grant reported that he wanted to report on the Crime Summit and we are encouraging all of the residents to attend on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD from 6:00pm-9:00pm. He will be distributing the flyers again tomorrow. He stated that it will take all of us, as this problem is greater than the Police Department. We have had several residents with breaking and entering, some robbed at gun point. The residents are not calling the police they say they are and the report reflects differently. We will be discussing solutions on Thursday not accepting complaints. If you complain you will be put out of the meeting. We have an arson problem in Ward I a cocktail was the source of the crime. We will work shoulder to shoulder to work a resolution of the problem with crime in the City of Seat Pleasant
- The Feggans Center Committee met on last week and he will be meeting with the residential committee on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 7:00pm.
- The partnership Meet & Greet with the Town of Capitol Heights and County Executive Elect Rushern Baker, County Councilmember Elect, District 7, Karen Toles, Angela Alsobrooks, States Attorney Elect and Melvin High, Sherriff Elect has been confirmed for Monday, November 22, 2010 he needs the Council to approve the \$750.00 to pay for the breakfast.



- The Mayor office is working on packages detailing projects we will want their support. He encourages the City Council to do the same. The example will be the Feggans Center, State Highway User Fund and Police Aid. It is a proposal on the table to cut the program all together. We have been cut by 90% and the monies are used to support programs in our city. We are putting a package together for the incoming County Executive regarding development in Seat Pleasant. His agenda is development around Addison Road.
- We will be meeting with Karen Toles as she is anxious to work with us. He knows that she has been in contact with Councilwoman Gatling.
- The illegal dumping cost the resident money and it will take away from things that we want to do for the City.
- He apologized for being brash, but he is very angry because our seniors are being targeted. The police department will be stopping, so please do not complain about them stopping your sons or daughters.
- Councilwoman Stephenson asked if the Mayor have any updates on the fire that had taken place in her Ward. The Mayor reported that he has no information as of yet, but the investigator will be at the meeting on Thursday.

#### **4.2. Council President Report-**

- Councilwoman LaTasha C. Gatling stated that the Council President report is available on the table. If you have any questions, please see her after the meeting.

#### **4.3. Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department Report**

- The Fire Chief was absent and no report was submitted

#### **4.4. City Administrator Report**

- Mr. Ashton reported that PY36 scope of service will be spelled out in the agreement.
- He mentioned a proposal to eliminate the problem of the water on Carrington Avenue. It should be a proposal in your packet. Mayor Grant has gone down to the area, and Mr. Thompson has a way to seek the rendering and drawings to get monies on the state level. It will cost \$9,500 and Mr. Thompson has identified monies from the Consultant Service line of \$5,000 and the difference from employee salary.
- Mr. Thompson has gone out to prepare a commitment from a reliable source for snow removal as a back-up. If we do not need him we can use him for tree removal services.
- The financial report will be in your mailboxes soon.

- Councilman Yeargin requested that they move forward with installing the shower that he donated to the City.

#### • **4.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report**

- The Code Enforcement Officer was absent report submitted in writing

#### **4.6. Finance Department Report**

- Mr. Ashton reported the City Administration and Finance Report were combined together.

#### **4.7. Police Department Report**

- Chief Prue was absent report submitted in writing.

#### **4.8 Public Works Department Report**

- Mr. Thompson reported that the Public Works Department has negotiated with the County to extend the work on Seat Pleasant Drive. They have decided to take the work down to 70<sup>th</sup> Place. We will go back next year to get extended further on Seat Pleasant Drive
- We have selected a certified roofer to install the roof on City Hall. The repairs will begin as of November 15, 2010
- We have been approved for \$215,000 to have street work on 71<sup>st</sup> Court, Greig Court, Field Street, Adak Street

### **5. CITIZEN COMMENT:**

**James Wright, 500 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Seat Pleasant, MD,** He stated that he have members of the Citizen Association present. He was listening to the criticism of the Public Works Department regarding the snow storm, which takes place once in a while. He stated we need communication and wanted to know if the information can be placed on the website. We need information from the government regarding how to prepare for the snow. Councilwoman Gatling stated that she received the e-mail that he submitted to Ms. Sanders regarding preparation for the snow. She said the information was informative and will be posted on the website.

**Jacqui Battle, 500-504 70<sup>th</sup>, Seat Pleasant, MD,** She stated that we have so many things going on in our community that need to be addressed. She stated that the resident she visited today with Mayor Grant and it was something to see the fear in her face. She is afraid to walk out or leave her



home in fear of returning and finding her valuables gone. She has been getting calls from residents regarding the receptionist not having telephone numbers at her finger tips. She feels it is a need for better communication. Ms. Battle stated that we need to get the bus service back for some of the seniors would like to come to the meeting, as they are afraid to drive at night.

**Christine Tapsoba, 6914 G Street, Seat Pleasant, MD,** Has a concern regarding the lighting near her home. Councilman Porter stated that we will need to report the concern to Pepco.

**Wilhelmina Evans, 617 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seat Pleasant, MD,** Ms. Evans stated she did not report that gas was escaping from her meter. They contacted the fire department and they discovered that the gas was escaping. She wants them to get someone to come to inspect her home. What does she need to do beg? We will be the City of Excellence if we all work together and communicate with one another.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **6.1. Public Hearing Date for Commercial Truck Ordinance-**

- Councilwoman Gatling stated that Councilwoman Simms has proposed legislation that we designated certain roads for them to travel so we can eliminate the repairs of streets. Councilwoman Simms suggested Monday, November 29, 2010 at 7:00p.m., for the Public Hearing date. If you are unable to attend the Hearing, please submit your concerns in writing or e-mail to the City Clerk.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1. None**

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8.1. Feggans Center Restoration Committee Meeting, Wednesday, November 10, 2010 Council Chambers, 7:00pm-8:00pm

8.2. Veteran's Day Program, Thursday, November 11, 2010, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 10:00a.m.

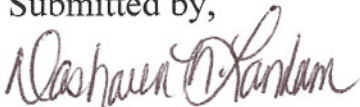
8.3. Seat Pleasant Emergency Crime Prevention Summit, Thursday, November 11, 2010, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 6:00pm-9:00pm

8.4. Ward II Meeting, Saturday, November 13, 2010, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 3:00pm-5:30pm

8.5. Senior Green Program, Application Available on the table

**ADJOURN**-It was motioned by Councilman Yeargin and seconded by Councilman Raynor to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham

City Clerk

APPROVED 12/13/10